

Worship at Home

Family Time



Thankfulness

Welcome to our Worship at home time, this week focusing on **Thankfulness**.

In this pack you will find an

- **Opening prayer**
- **Bible Passage**
- **Discussion Questions**
- **Reflection Notes**
- **Prayer Activity**
- **Blessing**



The resource is provided for you to use as you wish.

You might want to use all the sections in one go, or you might want to use over the week.

You might pick out just one or two sections to use or add in your own ideas.

Share leading each section and let children have a go if they would like to.

At the end there are ideas for exploring the theme of thankfulness with younger children (KS1).

Gather your things

- Candle to light placed on something safe or a battery operated candle
- Bible -either the book or on a phone
- Flower template, pens, scissors and a tray or plate of water
- **OR** An empty vase and paper or real flowers



Opening Prayer

Light a candle and have a moment of quiet

Pray Together: **Jesus light of the world
be with us today, Amen**

Take a moment to think about the activities you might have done around the theme of inspiration for the journey and being thankful. Perhaps each person would like to share one thing that they found interesting, helpful or surprising.



Read the story of David thanking God (1 Chronicles 29: 10-13)

¹⁰⁻¹³ David blessed GOD in full view of the entire congregation:

Blessed are you, GOD of Israel, our father
from of old and forever.

To you, O GOD, belong the greatness and the might,
the glory, the victory, the majesty, the splendour;

Yes! Everything in heaven, everything on earth;
the kingdom all yours! You've raised yourself high over all.

Riches and glory come from you,
you're ruler over all;

You hold strength and power in the palm of your hand
to build up and strengthen all.

And here we are, O God, our God, giving thanks to you,
praising your splendid Name.



Discussion Questions

- What has stuck in your mind from the passage that was read? Is there anything you don't understand?
- **Did you know that praising and blessing God were the same as thanking God?**
- What does David thank God for? Why is that?
- **What are you thankful for? Do you think it has come from God?**



Reflection:

God's love never runs out and he cares for all of us. We can show God our thankfulness by singing worship to God and praying and by our good actions towards others.

It's good to remind ourselves of all that God has provided for us through creation and those who work hard to provide for us. Let's think about those involved in providing our food such as farmers, vegetable pickers, lorry drivers, factory staff, packaging people, and supermarket staff.

It's right and good we show that we are thankful to these people and to all the others who care for people in our communities and for us. And it is good to show our thankfulness to God who created them and the earth.

Have a think about how you will show your thankfulness to God throughout the week.



Prayer Focus: thankfulness for those who provide for us and to God



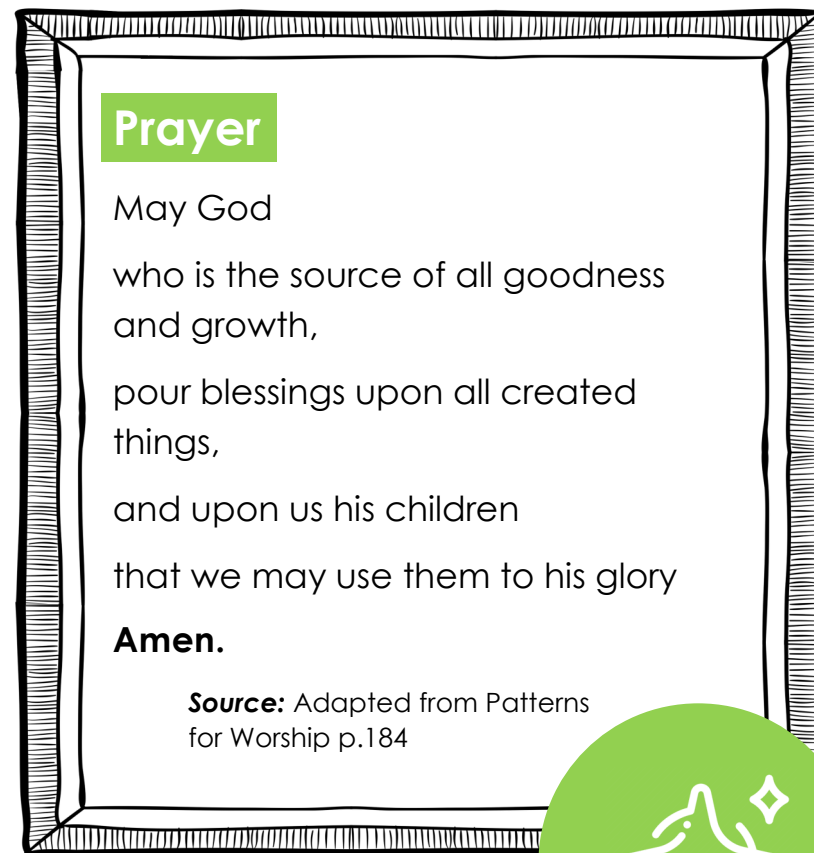
Prayer Activity Idea One

1. Cut out the flowers from the template and write or draw in the centre someone you want to pray for.
2. **Fold in the petals.**
3. When you are ready to pray place your flower on the water and pause to pray in your head or out loud for that person and watch the flower .



Prayer Activity Idea Two

1. Pick up a flower
2. **Pray for a person or something you are thankful for and as you do and put the flower in the vase.**
3. Take it in turn to place 2 or 3 flowers in the vase.
4. **You might like to give the flowers as a gift to someone you are thankful for– remember to do this in a socially distant and safe way.**



Prayer

May God
who is the source of all goodness
and growth,
pour blessings upon all created
things,
and upon us his children
that we may use them to his glory

Amen.

Source: Adapted from Patterns
for Worship p.184

Blessing

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

(Hold out your hands as if expecting a present)

And the love of God *(Put your hands on your heart)*

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit *(Hold hands)*

Be with us all now and for ever. Amen *(Raise hands together on the word 'Amen' and shout loudly!)*

Source: <https://www.messychurch.org.uk/messygrace>

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Ideas for younger children

Read the story of Jesus healing 10 lepers in a children's Bible together (Luke 17:11-19)

- Were you surprised that only 1 man came back to say thank you to Jesus for making him well?
- **Retell the story using toys or items in your house.**
- Use playdough to recreate something from the story.
- **Draw or paint a picture showing your favourite bit of the story.**



Practical Activities

- Play 'Thank you God Pictionary' drawing things you are thankful for, for your family to guess.
- Play 'I Spy' with things you want to say thank you to God for. Make an 'I Spy Telescope' by decorating a cardboard tube. Use it to help you look around for things to be thankful for.

Finish the sentence: God is...

- Think of as many words as you can that describe God.
- **Write them using magnetic letters on your fridge or write them on paper.**
- Pray thanking God for who he is.

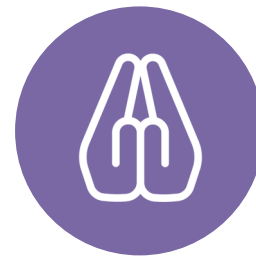


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